

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2025
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Recently enacted legislation authorized certain neighboring municipalities to enter into an agreement to establish concurrent jurisdiction for their municipal courts in certain cases and to provide original jurisdiction in those cases to a municipal court in either municipality. However, that bill's provisions apply only to an offense committed or conduct that occurs after the effective date of an agreement, meaning that an offense committed or conduct that occurred before the agreement would remain under the sole jurisdiction of the municipality in which the case was originally brought. H.B. 2025 seeks to expand the applicability of this recently enacted legislation to allow each municipality that enters into a concurrent jurisdiction agreement to have original jurisdiction over offenses committed or conduct that occurs in either of the municipalities before the date of the agreement.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2025 specifies that, notwithstanding Section 3, Chapter 76 (H.B. 984), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, relating to agreements between neighboring municipalities regarding jurisdiction of cases in municipal courts, the change in law made by that act in adding Section 29.003(i), Government Code, and Article 4.14(g), Code of Criminal Procedure, applies to an offense committed or conduct that occurs before, on, or after May 19, 2011, which is the effective date of that act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.